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KEIICHIRO SAKASHITA, ET AL.

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FOR: AN ABSORBING ROD, AN
APPARATUS FOR INSERTING THE
ABSORBING ROD, A CASK, AND
A METHOD OF STORING SPENT
FUEL ASSEMBLIES

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 13 to read as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) An absorbing rod which is to be inserted into a control rod guide pipe of bent fuel assemblies or a measuring pipe, said absorbing rod comprising a solid structure comprising one of an aluminum composite material and an aluminum alloy formed by adding powder of boron or of a boron compound having a neutron absorbing performance to a powder of aluminum or of an aluminum alloy, said absorbing rod being insertable into one of said control rod guide pipe and said measuring pipe when transporting spent fuel assemblies stored in a casket.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy; Request for Extension of Time (3 months)

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- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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